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Legislative Boilerplate Report
Section 732(4) of Public Act 129 of 2007

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Fiscal Year 2008 budget included legislative requirements regarding wheelchair lifts for transit agencies that received Fiscal Year 2008 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

Section 732(4) of Public Act 129 of 2007 includes the following requirement:

- By April 1, 2008, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Director that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2007, and on December 31, 2007, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

The purpose of this report is to meet the April 1, 2008, certification requirement. Deadlines and actions that preceded this report included:

- Section 732(2) required each agency that receives Fiscal Year 2008 local bus operating assistance from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund to report the status of their lifts including the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts and the number and percentage of the fleet with operational lifts that are not in working order. Section 732(9) states that any agency that had operational lifts in three consecutive years is exempt for this reporting requirement.

Status:

- As a result of Section 732(9), only two agencies, the City of Niles Dial-A-Ride and the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), were required to report the status of their lifts by the due date of October 29, 2007.
- Both agencies reported that all lifts were operational on October 29, 2007.
- Under Section 732(3), if an agency reported inoperable lifts as of October 29, 2007, that agency was required to certify to MDOT by December 31, 2007, that the inoperable lifts were repaired or replaced and were operational.

Status:

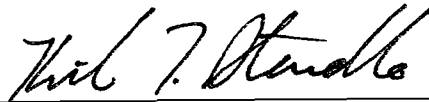
- Since all lifts were operational as of October 29, 2007, neither agency needed to certify to MDOT by December 31, 2007, that the inoperable lifts were either repaired or replaced and were now operational.

- Under Section 732(4), by April 1, 2008, MDOT is required to certify, in writing, to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Director that the information provided by each transit agency on October 29, 2007, and on December 31, 2007, is accurate to the best of MDOT's knowledge.

Status:

- To make the certification required under Section 732(4), MDOT conducted a field test for both the City of Niles and DDOT, the only two agencies covered by the reporting requirements this year.
- For each field test, MDOT staff selected up to 20 percent of the agency's lift-equipped vehicles and observed operation of the lifts on all selected buses.
- MDOT completed the testing outlined in the procedure during the month of January 2008.
- Based on the testing, MDOT did not identify any circumstances that conflicted with the information submitted by the two transit agencies.

Based on the results of the self-reporting by transit agencies and the testing conducted by MDOT, I certify that the information reported by the City of Niles and DDOT on their October 29, 2007, report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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